

# AMAZING WORK OF THE BRITISH FORCES AGAINST GERMAN TRENCHES

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troops on their left—a west salient for Martinpuich. These men would pass No Man's Land for nearly 1,000 yards in six minutes' time. They made short work of the Germans, who tried to drive them from their trenches, but they only came in closer on the outskirts of Martinpuich, where they were received with a blizzard of machine gun fire.

"Hungry" Monsters Brought Up. It was then the turn of the tanks. Before dawn two of them had come out of the darkness and lumbered over the British front into trenches looking toward the Germans, as though hungry for breakfast. Afterward they came across No Man's Land, past enormous loads with pain in their stomachs and nose at Martinpuich. Before testing the strength of its broken arms and bricks. The men cheered them wildly, waving their helmets and dancing around them. The company needed cheering up, for they had lost two of their officers the night before. In a patrol adventure, and it was the sergeants who led them over, but now, when they saw the "hunger-monsters," they shouted with the others and laughed loud.

Twenty minutes afterward the first waves were inside the first trenches at Martinpuich and in advance of them would a monster. The men were held up for some time by the machine guns but the monsters went on alone and had astounding adventures. They went straight through the shells of broken arms and houses, crawled on top of German dugouts and fired continuing shots down the German trenches. From one dugout came a German colonel with a white, frightened face, who held his hands very high in front of the tank shouting, "Kamerad, Kamerad!"

"Well, come inside then," said a voice in the heat of the day and a human hand came forth from a hole opening suddenly and grabbed the officer.

For the rest of the day the tank led that unfortunate man about on the strangest journey the world has ever seen.

Another tank was confronted with two Germans who shouted "Merry Merry" and at the head of this procession led them back as prisoners to the British lines. Yet another tank went off to the right of Martinpuich and was so fresh and high-spirited that it went far into German lines and on the way to Berlin.

**Martinpuich in British Hands.**

The men were not so fortunate as the monsters not being proof against machine gun shells and shell fire. The Germans concentrated a very heavy fire upon them and many fell. It was late in the evening before the walls of Martinpuich was taken after fierce fighting, and it was the crowning triumph of a successful day.

The tanks on the left side of the line did well. They took forty German officers and 1,400 of other ranks. Against them was the Second Battalion corps, whom many of the British met before at Kemmel and the Rotenbriicke, and Ypres, and were glad to pass off the old scores against them.

On the right of the corps of Martinpuich the attack was swinging up to Fiers, across a wide stretch of difficult and perilous ground, strongly defended. The Germans were clinging over stones of shrapnel and high explosives, and many British fell, but the wounded climbed on the others if they were not too badly hit, and the others went forward grimly and steadily. These soldiers were superb in courage and stoic endurance, and pressed forward steadily in the broken waves.

The first news of success came through from an armistice wireless which said:

"A tank is walking up the High street of Fiers with the British army cheering behind."

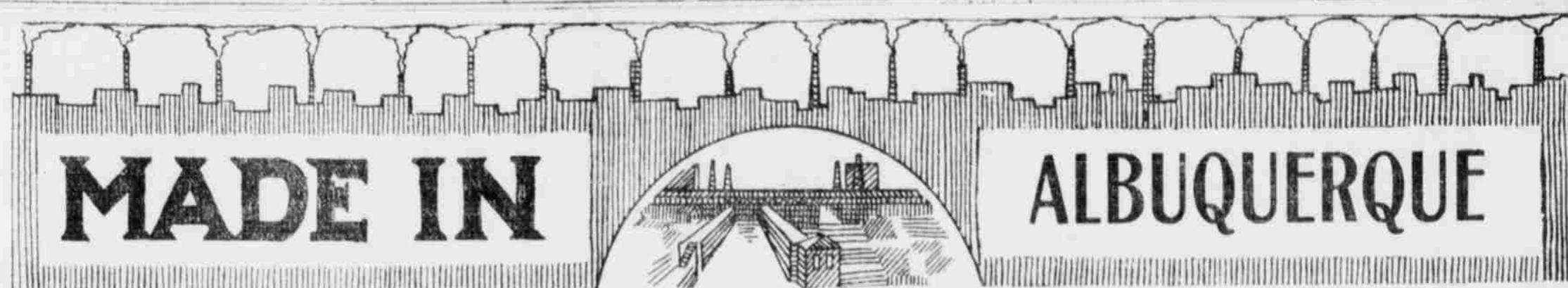
It was an actual fact, one of the most monsters was there enjoying itself, thoroughly and keeping down the heads of the Germans. It hung out a big piece of paper, on which were the words, "Great Hall Detach Special." An armistice was now over. The monster machine gunning the scared Germans, who fled before this monstrous apparition.

Later in the day it seemed to have been in need of rest before coming home, and two humans got out of it inside and walked back to the British lines, but by that time Fiers and many prisoners were at the hands of the British, and the tanks had gone beyond to further fields.

On the extreme right of the line of attack the fighting was hardest and fiercest of all, and a still very confused and uncertain to the north of Ghent and in the direction of Gienecourt. In this direction the Germans fought from the direction of Morval and Combles, and the shell fire was frightful in its violence. Nevertheless, the first rush forward was magnificent on the part of the troops. The Germans resisted stoutly along their first line. They kept up a terrible fire and machine gun fire until the British were right on them, and then they fought layout to bayonet. Large numbers of them were killed, and the British went through to the second line of trenches and took that.

**Troops Go on Far as Gienecourt.**

A third wave passed through them to the third German trench, but before they reached this goal the German soldiers came out with their hands up and surrendered. The British went on and on. They went too far, those soldiers in their sleepiness. One of the colonels stood up on a hillock, blowing a hunting horn to fetch them back, but they did not hear and went on still further, unprotected by the troops on their right. The officers waved on their men with revolvers and many fell leading their



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companies. It was one of the greatest changes in history, but it drove us too far into the "blaze" without sufficient cooperation with the troops, hold up too long in strong points and machine guns. What the situation is there tonight I do not know, could they cross mine and fight on the outskirts of Guadalquivir.

It was the blinding blow which sent me sick at General's health and died by bullet crops.

## HOW A BIG TIRE CONCERN PROVIDES AGAINST HIGH PRICES

Heretofore, one of the great sources of price fluctuation in tires, as well as in every other article made of rubber, has been due to conditions of the source of supply.

A long time American manufacturers of tires had to depend on the gathering of crude rubber in South America, natives, they were at the mercy of all sorts of climatic and physical conditions.

No company having its rubber gathered from South American sources could depend, with any degree of certitude, on the quantity of rubber that it would be able to receive from native sources or upon the delivery of such rubber, immature as goods, disease, blight and many other conditions entered into the problem.

Six years ago the United States rubber companies began building up the future. The largest organization, the largest producer of rubber, cost in the world, purchased 90,000 acres of land in the island of Sumatra. Since then, it has devoted itself to tremendous plantation in the cultivation of the best quality of rubber. Today 2,600,000 rubber trees have been planted. Over 1,000,000 are being tapped.

The direction of this work is in the hands of experts, who have under their command an army of colones who tend the trees in much the same way as a fine orchard would be looked after in this country.

It is a matter of fact that rubber trees can not produce rubber until they are five years old and do not come into full production until several years later. But more trees are being planted on the plantations of the United States Rubber Company. Thus an immense supply of high grade rubber is being produced under scientific direction for the factories of this great corporation. The supply will increase in quantity as time goes on. Thus, the United States Tire company, which is one of the associates of the United States Rubber company, is relieved of many of the problems which beset the average manufacturer of tires. In this way, an untiring supply of the crude rubber is assured for United States tires.

So the United States Tire company, having insured itself against undue price fluctuation in its source of crude material, has taken a great step toward assuring the permanent low cost of motoring.

## REMARKABLE TESTS IN TERRIFIC RACES ON GOODRICH TIRES

Carlo Rosta has just let it be known that the Silverstone tires on the rear of his speedy Peugeot, in which he recently set a new world's record for 150 miles on the speedway at Omaha, Neb., were the same tires that carried him to victory at Indianapolis and Chicago.

This is interesting in view of the fact that a 200-mile race of the terrific speeds which are the custom is considered equal to straining a tire's construction to a lifetime of touring. As both the Indianapolis and Chicago events were 500 miles the fact that these Silverstones withstood both events and then tackled another 150 miles at Omaha at an average speed exceeding 80 miles per hour, has called forth much comment.

A tire at such a speed revolves about fifteen times a second, which results in such a terrific pull and pull throughout that the tire must literally resist being pulled apart into a hundred pieces. The remarkable endurance which Silverstones possess, as is evidenced in Rosta's case, has resulted in their being used on the winning cars in every important automobile race since 1914, it is said.

Milton J. Duesenberg and Mulford in his Peugeot, who won second and third places at Omaha, also rode on Silverstones.

## EXPERT COMPARES STORAGE BATTERY WITH HUMAN BEING

F. M. McNamee, in charge of the local Willard storage battery service station, claims that water is just as essential to human health as for the health of horses and forms.

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